

**Appointment:**

**John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-458, appointed Senator Warner to the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development, for a term ending October 11, 2004. **Page S9953**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report relative to the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-53). **Page S9946**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Sylvia de Leon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

William Haskell Alsup, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Charles R. Wilson, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

J. Brady Anderson, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

F. Whitten Peters, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Evelyn Simonowitz Lieberman, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

Curt Hebert, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2004.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S9955-57**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Susan M. Wachter, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Zell Miller, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2000. **Page S9957**

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**Record Votes:** Sixteen record votes were taken today. (Total—247)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 8:31 a.m., and adjourned at 3:37 p.m., until 12 Noon, on Monday, August 2, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9956.)

## **Committee Meetings**

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### **U.S. POLICY TOWARD TORTURE VICTIMS**

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings on United States policy toward victims of torture, after receiving testimony from Bennett Freeman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; Ann VanDusen, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Policy and Program Coordination, U.S. Agency for International Development; Douglas A. Johnson, Center for Victims of Torture, and Angelique Cooper, both of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Inge Genefke, International Rehabilitation Council for Victims of Torture, Copenhagen, Denmark.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 2654–2666; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 168 and H. Res. 268–270, were introduced. **Pages H6758–59**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1442, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to continue and extend authority for transfers to State and local governments of certain property for law enforcement, public safety, and emergency response purposes, amended (Rept. 106–275); and

H.R. 2112, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdiction of certain multiparty, multiforum civil actions, amended (Rept. 106–276); and

H.R. 1219, to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act and the Miller Act, relating to payment protections for persons providing labor and materials for Federal construction projects, amended (Rept. 106–277, Pt. 1). **Page H6758**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:05 a.m. and reconvened at 9:10 a.m. **Page H6723**

**Juvenile Justice Reform Act:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1501, to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H6723–25**

Appointed as conferees:

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Hyde and Representatives McCollum, Gekas, Coble, Smith of Texas, Canady, Barr, Conyers, Frank of Massachusetts, Scott, Berman, and Lofgren. Provided, that Representative Jackson-Lee of Texas is appointed in lieu of Representative Frank of Massachusetts for consideration of sections 741, 1501, 1505, 1534–35, and titles V, VI and IX of the Senate amendment. Provided that Representative Meehan is appointed in lieu of Representative Berman for consideration of sections 741, 1501, 1505, 1534–35, and titles V, VI and IX of the Senate amendment; **Page H6725**

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment (except sections 741, 1501, 1505,

1534–35, and titles V, VI and IX), and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Goodling and Representatives Petri, Castle, Greenwood, DeMint, Clay, Kildee, and McCarthy of New York; and **Page H6725**

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of sections 1365 and 1401–03 of the House bill and sections 1504, 1515, and 1523 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Bliley and Representative Dingell. Provided, that Representative Bilirakis is appointed for consideration of section 1365 of the House bill and section 1523 of the Senate amendment. Provided, that Representative Tauzin is appointed for consideration of sections 1401–03 of the House bill and sections 1504 and 1515 of the Senate amendment. **Page H6725**

Agreed to the Conyers Motion instruct conferees to insist that the committee of conference (1) recommend a conference substitute which includes a requirement that background checks be conducted on all firearms sales at gun shows, does not include any measure that would weaken the effectiveness of background checks currently conducted, does not include any measure that would weaken or eliminate any other provision of Federal firearms law or regulation, and authorizes funding for school violence programs; (2) that all meetings of the conference be open to the public and print and electronic media, held in venues to maximize attendance of the public and media, and be held during reasonable hours; (3) allow sufficient opportunity for offer and debate amendments at all meetings; and (4) recommend a conference substitute before Congress adjourns for the August recess so that reasonable gun safety measures can be passed before children return to school, by a yea and nay vote of 305 yeas to 84 nays, Roll No. 354. **Pages H6723–24**

**Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation:** The Speaker appointed Representatives Emerson and Skelton to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. **Page H6725**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:18 a.m. and reconvened at 12:48 p.m. **Page H6728**

**Board of Visitors to the U.S. Air Force Academy:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Thompson of California and